

**Remarks**

Applicant has addressed each issue in turn and, for clarity, has provided a heading for each issue.

***Election/Restrictions***

The Examiner has required a restriction to Group I, claims 1-8 or Group II, claims 9 and 10. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-8. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

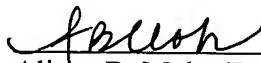
***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing, and in summary, Applicants believe that all issues and points of the Examiner's Office Action have been addressed in a sincere effort to advance prosecution of this Application. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

Please debit Deposit Account No. 50-0581 for any additional fees.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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